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B.C.G. Vaccination.

* 244 Q.—Sri K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have decided to introduce the B.C.G. Vaccination on a mass scale in the districts of the State; and

(b) if so, the centres selected for the same in the district of Malabar?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The whole of Malabar district will be taken up for B.C.G. Vaccination beginning with urban areas first."

Sri K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of introducing B.C.G. Vaccination campaign in all the taluk headquarters hospitals, particularly in Malabar? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" B.C.G. Vaccination will be done first in the district headquarters station. In the second round, smaller towns and municipalities will be taken up and ultimately it will be introduced in villages, Sir."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" May I know why the Government make a discrimination in this matter by starting this campaign only in Malabar and not in other parts of the State? When do they propose to extend the scheme to the other parts? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" No discrimination is made in favour of Malabar. This B.C.G. campaign began in Coimbatore city on the 14th of last month and from there it will be extended to other places."

Sri S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Is there any truth in the statement that the B.C.G. Vaccination does not produce the desired effect but on the other hand is producing a reaction? Under these circumstances, will the Government take steps to propagate the utility of this vaccination? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Propaganda work is also done in connexion with this campaign. I do not know under what authority the hon. Member is saying that this vaccination is harmful. The almost unanimous opinion of tuberculosis experts of not only this country but also the whole World is that B.C.G. Vaccination is quite useful and it gives increased resistance."

Rowdy sheets in the Mankara Police Station, South Malabar.

* 245 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of persons for whom rowdy sheets were maintained in the Mankara Police Station, Palghat taluk, South Malabar, in the last two years? 11-20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In the last two years rowdy sheets were maintained for six persons."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, are the Government aware that sometimes the opening of rowdy sheets is done from personal motives and sometimes on political motives? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not concede that point, Sir. After all in this particular area it is only the old cases which are being continued except for a new case which was opened in the year 1953."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, since secrecy is maintained with regard to these rowdy sheets, will the Hon. Minister please instruct the Police Department that in cases where political workers are involved, the Hon. Minister concerned should be informed of that? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" But here, Sir, there has absolutely been no political case at all. I have gone through the whole list. I shall anyhow consider the suggestion made by the hon. Member. But I can assure the hon. Member that purely on political grounds no rowdy sheets are opened now-a-days."

Construction of a dam across Varahanathi.

* 246 Q.—SRI B. R. M. MUTHU THEVAR (on behalf of Sri K. Mookkiah Thevar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the landowners and cultivating classes of Periyakulam, Madurai district, with regard to the construction of an irrigation dam at Southuparai or Sastha Koil across the river Varahanathi; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The particular representation referred to by the hon. Member was received in 1952 and recorded after examination, the proposal having been found to be not feasible from the point of view of availability of supplies and suitability of site."

Grant of leave to nurses in the Government General Hospital, Madras.

* 247 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the nurses working in the Government General Hospital, Madras, get any casual leave and privilege leave annually; and